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## Letter from [John Muir] to [Annie] Wanda [Muir], 1890 Jun 17.

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Dear Manda.

I told you I would be on  
the bounding billows when  
went to Alaska & so I was  
The sea was all rumples  
up with big waves & the  
tops of them came on to the  
deck of the steamer & made  
everybody go inside of their  
rooms. & many were sick  
on account of the pitching  
& heaving & rocking of the  
ship. But I was used to  
it & enjoyed it. & the  
waves were very blue  
at the bottom & green in  
the middle & white at the  
top. At one place off  
Crescent City there are

to me & my friends  
+ many strange looking  
rocks, & it was a  
grand sight to see the  
huge waves dash against  
them & jump up more  
than a hundred feet  
in the air in pure white  
foam. Thick & broad  
+ massy. Wilder far &  
more beautiful than the  
Yosemite Waterfalls.  
That was on Sunday  
+ the wind was so strong  
that the sailors called  
it a "gale." I often  
thought of you when the  
sea was so beautiful &  
wild + wished you could  
be with me to see it.  
Some day you will I hope